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The Rotary Fountain, Downtown Beaumont

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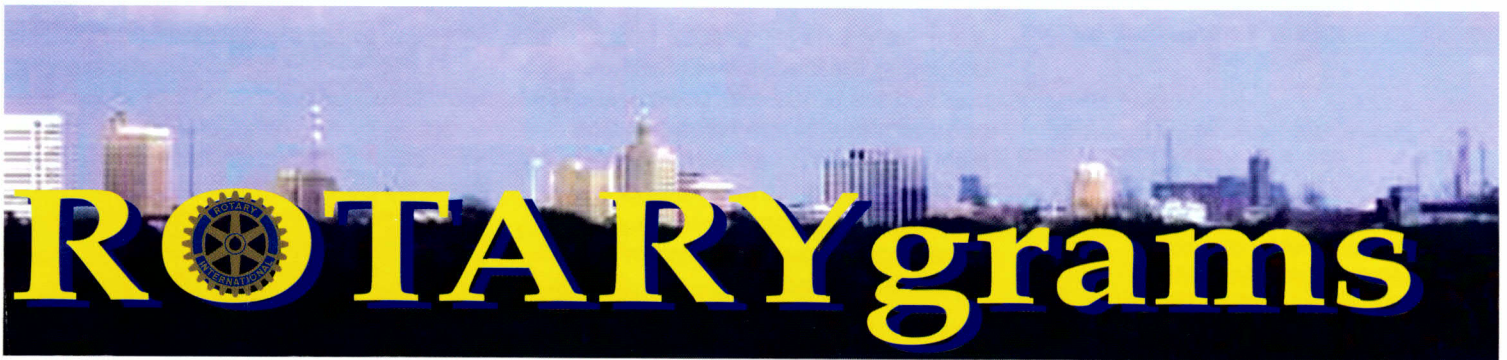
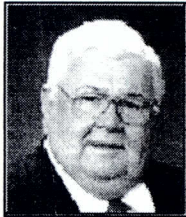


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POLIO ERADICATION PROJECT



Marie and **Alex Broussard** completely lost New Years Day this year. They boarded a flight on Wednesday, December 31st, crossed the International Date-line and landed in Singapore on Friday, January 2nd.

They then flew to Delhi, India to participate in India's National Immunization Day (NID) on Sunday, January 4th as the guests of Rotary District 3010. Driving through the streets of Delhi (population more than 12 million) with the president of a local Rotary Club, they saw posters publicizing NID on almost every lamp post. Booths had been

set up throughout the city manned by local Rotarians to administer polio vaccine doses to more than 16,000 children that day. Marie and Alex worked along side of the other Rotarians in the booths.

After the NID they took a brief sight-seeing trip to Agra to see the Taj Mahal on a cold rainy day...then on to Jaipur to visit a factory that produces the Jaipur leg, a molded plastic prosthesis with a movable ankle that allows a natural gait to the wearer. Many U.S. Rotary Clubs support the facility and a \$30 contribution will provide an amputee with a fitted leg. Amputees throughout India know that if they can

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Head Table



INVOCATION
 MARY RANDALL



PLEDGE
 TERRY WHIDDON



4-WAY TEST
 JIM BROUSSARD



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 DEAN CONWELL

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Future Programs

March
 31ST Jeff Smith - Tourism

Make-ups

Monday:

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Tuesday:

Spindletop Holiday Inn 11th St.
 Orange Sunset Grove
 Port Neches Pompano Club

Wednesday:

Groves Pompano Club

Thursday:

Port Arthur Holiday Inn Hwy 69

Friday:

Nederland Garden Tea Room

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Program Review

St. Patrick's Day is a very special day around the world, but nowhere in the world is it more special than in Ireland, where it started. **Gene Hughes** treated the club to an impressive photographic presentation of his trip to the Emerald Isle.

With Irish folk music playing in the background Gene presented a whirlwind tour of the gorgeous countryside of Ireland and also included a little Irish history with pictures of castles, cathedrals and their beautiful stained glass windows, the sheer Cliffs of Moher rising more than 400 feet above the sea, colorful flower gardens, serene rivers and the rolling countryside.

Many Rotarians reminisced about their last trip to the Emerald Isle and expressed the desire to visit Ireland. The pubs with their warm Guinness and Irish coffee, the true hospitality of the local people and street musicians strolling into businesses to play for the patrons gave you the feeling of wanting to visit Ireland.

This special program was a perfect celebration St. Patrick's Day.

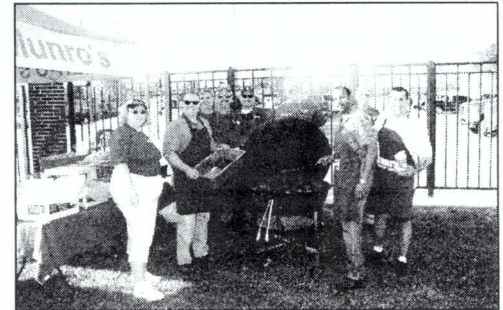


President Azim holds the Rotary International Centennial Bell which was rung at last week's meeting.

Top row: **Gene Hughes, President Azim, Paula Bothe, Chuck Mason**
 Middle row: **Robert Peavey, Imad Sarkis, C.L. Sherman*, Don Pumphrey**, Alan Sampson, L.J. Romero**, Alex Broussard, Maurine Gray, Roger McCabe, Bruce Hoffer, Steve Doblin and Louis Beard**
 Seated: **Ursula Lefkowitz**, Evelyn Lord, Tillie Hickman, Carol Flatten and Brenda Nichols** * Spindletop Rotary **N. Port Arthur Rotary

Fellowship Event

The much-anticipated tailgate party and game between nationally ranked baseball teams A&M (9th) and Lamar (28th) was well-attended by Rotarians last week. Event chair **Henry Strait** sold more than 350 tickets to Rotarians for their guests and families.

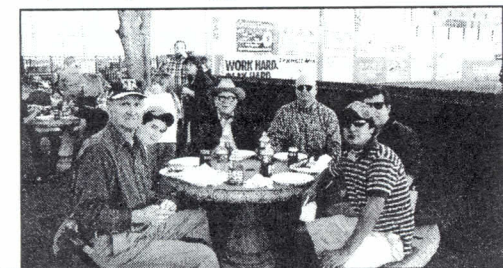


We all enjoyed the delicious hamburgers and hot dogs that **Chad Blanchard** and **Munro's** supplied as well as the water supplied by **Henry's** Southeast Texas Water Conditioning and soft drinks provided by Beaumont Coca-Cola.



Thanks also go to **Juan Zabala, Paula Bothe, Mark Ferris, Camille Mouton, Carole Reeves, Richard Bothel, Lorrie Hayes, David Teuscher, Pat Anderson, Ben Alford and Ken Dollinger** for all of their help.

It was a beautiful, mild, mosquito-free evening and everyone had a great time, especially the Aggie fans!



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Welcome, New Members

Please welcome these new members who were inducted into the club on March 17th:



Clif Cummings is the Pastor of First Baptist Church of Beaumont and his classification is "Religion - Baptist". He is sponsored by **Jim Rich**. Clif is a returning member of our club.

A native of Borger, he is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife Pamela are the parents of Joy and Zachary, and are members of First Baptist Church. Clif enjoys playing golf, bicycling and hunting.



Dessie Richard is the Banking Center Manager of Guaranty Federal Bank and her classification is "Finance - Savings Bank". She is sponsored by **Terry Bourdier**.

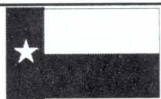
Bourdier.

A native of Tyler County, she is a graduate of Chenick Business College. She and her husband Stanley are members of Douglas Memorial CME. She enjoys volunteer work.



Wyatt Snider is a Partner of The Snider Law Firm and his classification is "Law - Real Estate". He is sponsored by **Jerry Duty**.

A native of Fort Worth, he is a graduate of the University of Houston and Baylor Law School. He and his wife Scarlett are members of Calder Baptist Church. He enjoys reading and playing golf.



TEXAS PLEDGE

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Birthdays

24th Carolyn Johnson (03)

Theatre Manager, Jefferson Theatre



Born in Trenton, New Jersey, she is a graduate of Syracuse University and George Washington University. She and her husband Ben are the parents of Ryan and Kelsey. She enjoys her dogs, shopping, reading and skiing.

24th Jack Scott (73)

Retired Owner, Covington Distributing



Born in Troy, New York, he is a graduate of Brooklyn Polytechnic Institution. He and his wife Lucille are the parents of Barbra, Patti, and John Jr., and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys playing bridge and golf. Jack is a Paul Harris Fellow.

26th Vesta Brandt (02)

General Manager,
Clear Channel Communication



Born in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, she is a graduate of Del Mar College. She and her husband Marvin are the parents of Darlene, Danny and Suzy. She enjoys gardening and reading.

26th Mary Wickland (02)

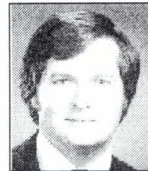
Partner,
Brooks, Applegate & Wickland



A Beaumont native, she is a graduate of Lamar University. She and her husband Kevin are the parents of Heather, Kevin Jr. and Tara and are members of St. Jude Catholic Church.

27th Ed Edson (97)

Owner, The Edson Realty Company



A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of Oklahoma University. He is the father of Ed IV and Ashley, and is a member of St. Marks Episcopal Church. Ed enjoys hunting and fishing.

27th Billy Ray Kinney (99)

Owner, A-1 Acoustics Inc.



Born in Texarkana, he and his wife Connie are the parents of Douglas and Bryan, and are members of Wesley United Methodist Church. He enjoys playing golf, fishing, hunting and horses.

28th Robert Hambright (86)

Partner, Orgain, Bell & Tucker



A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of Southern Methodist University. He and his wife Kathleen are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. Robert enjoys carpentry, hunting and fishing.

29th John Aikin (02)

Director, Montagne Center



Born in Kansas City, Missouri, he and his wife Debbie moved here from Mississippi. He enjoys marathon running and has run the Boston Marathon the past five years.

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get to the factory they will be fed, housed, fitted with a new leg and trained to use it before returning home to lead a productive life.

From India they proceeded to Vietnam to tour 6 of 14 The Children of Peace orphanages founded by refugee Bing Nguyen Ribacki (who currently lives in Loveland, Colorado) and supported by Rotarian contributions.

All told, they spent 20 days abroad as our Rotary Ambassadors. He will discuss their interesting and inspiring experiences at this week's meeting.

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